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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS

**Proposed Amendment to the
Cottonwood Resource Management Plan
Clarifying Language Regarding
Federal Land Policy and Management Act Sale Criteria
DOI-BLM-ID-C020-2017-0027-EA**

Based upon review of the environmental assessment (EA), I have determined that the proposed amendment to the Cottonwood Resource Management Plan to clarify language regarding Federal Land Policy and Management Act Sale Criteria will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required. As described in the EA, this proposal is an administrative action and there would be no environmental effects (EA page 3). Therefore there would be no effects which meet the definition of significance as defined by regulations to implement NEPA found at 40 CFR 1508.27. This finding is based on my consideration of both the context and intensity of the project, as described below.

Context. This means that the significance of an action was analyzed in several contexts such as society as a whole (human, national), the affected region, the affected interests, and the locality. Significance varies with the setting of the proposed action. For instance, in the case of a site-specific action, significance would usually depend upon the effects in the local rather than in the world as a whole. Both short-and-long-term effects are relevant. Since there would be no environmental effects, there would be no potential for significance at any level of context.

Intensity. This requirement refers to the severity of impact. Again, since there would be no environmental effects, there would be no potential for an effect of significant intensity.


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Date